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NOTES ON ADAIR COUNTY.

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(The writing of these notes was suggested by the writings of Judge H. C, Baker, lately published in the Adair County News, and are intended as a supplement to his writings, and will be continued in future numbers of The News, if found to be of interest.)

ADAIR COUNTY, AS A POLITICAL DIVISION OF THE STATE. No. 4.

On December 9, 1803, the following portion of the then county of Adair, was, by an act of the legislature, cut off from Adair, and added to the county of Wayne: "Beginning at the mouth of Wolfe Creek, and thence up the same to the line of Pulaski county; thence south with the line of Pulaski, to the Cumberland river, and thence with the river to the beginning." On December 16, 1805, an act of the General Assembly became a law, which corrected and established the line between Cumberland and Adair counties, in the following words: "Beginning at the mouth of Black Fish Creek, on Cumberland river, and thence a due north course to the old line between said counties; thence with the said old line westwardly to the line of Barren county."

of the western portion of Lin- beginning. coln county, and in the statute ning."

county appear to have been as follows: Beginning on the south bank of Green river, at a point, which is ten miles up the river from the Green court house, at Greensburg; thence a straight line westwardly, to a point one quarter of a mile due north of the then residence of Col. Daniel Trabue. This corner of the county is, now, at a point in the western room of the dwelling of Wm. Farris, at which place Green, Taylor and Adair counties have a common corner:

thence westwardly with the line

of Green county to the then Barren county line, as heretofore described; thence a line passing about one mile east of Edmonton, to the waters of Moccasin Creek, and to the then Cumberland county line, at a point upon the ridge, which divides the waters of the Cumberland from those of the Green; thence with the ridge to the road, which leads from Columbia to Burksville, a short distance beyond the present dwelling house of John Wisdom, and about seventeen miles from Columbia; thence in an eastern direction and crossing Crocus, just north of the present John Bledsoe residence, near the mouth of Sand Lick: thence in the same direction, to where the present line between Adair and Russell intersects it; thence up ly 3 days and didn't go to the the Cumberland to where Wolfe hospital. I have been on the Creek empties into it; thence up Wolfe Creek, to where the Pulaski county line then crossed it; thence with the line of Pulaski, did, I sure think I am some lucky to the present line of Casey county; thence with the Casey line a course N. 45 degrees West you could pull on a freight train to Green river, at the old Jefferson county corner; thence crossline of Casey county, which was, you get low to the ground. Our formerly, the line between Lin- division was on the front lines and Nelson, and Lincoln and for about 10 days. Then we Green, to the ridge, which di- went back to the front and were vides the waters of Casey's there when the armistice was Creek from those of the Rolling signed. Our company was formhead of the ridge between Cas- the top when a sergeant came

Lincoln and Pulaski line, where, Metcalfe county. Such remaincounty, Joseph Dismukes, on the county of Russell was created head of Indian Creek; thence a out of the territory of Adair, direct line to the mouth of Pine Cumberland and Wayne. The Lick Creek; thence to the great boundary of Russell, as describsuck on Carpenter's Creek, leav- ed in the legislative act which ing Joseph McCormick's in the created it, was as follows: "Beold county; thence a direct line ginning on the Adair and Casey to the great road west of Car- county line, one mile southwardpenter's Station, leaving George ly, from William Jones', horizon-Carpenter in the old county; tal measure; thence a straight thence along the foot of the line to the east end of Aaron Knobs, with the said road, to William's (deceased) lane; thence LINIMENT on hand is always prewhere the county line crosses to Zachariah Collins, leaving said the same; and with the county Collins in the old county; thence Paul Drugico. line between Mercer, Washing- to a point on Crocus Creek, one ton, etc., around to the begin- mile below James Duncan's run, so as to leave Henry Antle and It will be observed, that the Adam Miller in the old county; description of the boundaries of thence to a point on the Cumberthe various counties, given above, land river, one mile above the are very slovenly and carelessly Rock House, etc." The remainmade. Many of the objects men- der of the boundary is not given. tioned as descriptive of the as the portion above, describes boundaries, were probably, at the line between Russell and the time, the acts were drawn, Adair counties, except that the places of note and known to the line between Russell and Adair people of that time, which are counties, stops at its intersection entirely unknown to the present with the old line between Adair generation. After the formation and Cumberland, and does not of Casey county, in the year, extend to the Cumberland river. 1806, the boundaries of Adair Caleb Ricketts, a surveyor of much distinction in Adair county, ran and marked the line.

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I arrived at Brest, France, Au gust 20th. I went from there to Rueilly, France, where I was in a training camp. I was transferred to the 32nd Division Sept. 20th, and went on the ffiring line Oct. 3rd, on the Verdun front the Argonne forest sector, the worst blood shedding sector on the whole front so, the Dutch say. I sure witnessed things that would look untrue if I were to write them, but I will wait until I come home to publish them for our mail has to be censored and I want this to be sure to pass. I made some awful narrow escapes with one very slight wound from a piece of shrapnel. I was off the field onlines when it didn't look like any body would get by, but I believed I would get by if anyone else boy. I have heard more machine gun bullets whistle than and have had dirt thrown all over you from bomb shells and ing Green river, and with the believe me they sure would make coln and Jefferson, and Lincoln 21 days. Then we were relieved Fork of Salt river; thence to the ing a skirmish line to go, over ey's Creek and Robinson's Creek; with the orders not to make any On November 14, 1806, the thence with said ridge, to Green more attacks. We sure were a county of Casey, was formed out river; and thence with it to the happy bunch of boys when we received the orders. We went The above territory embraced back about 2 miles and stayed in creating it, its territory is, thus, a large portion of Russell county, a small town for a few days, described: "Beginning on the and about one-third or more of then started our march to the Rhine, which we finished Dec. by running at right angles from ed the boundary of the county, 11th. Well, this will do for the it, will just include in the new until in the year, 1825, when the hike. We have about 4 inches of snow. This is our second snow but the other one did not amount to anything. So I will close hoping to be home to make a crop. especially a crop of tobacco.

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